

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009
9:00 A.M.**

The Buffalo County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board members responding to roll call: Horace Dannehl, Kent Greder, Ivan Klein, Timothy Loewenstein William McMullen, Sherry Morrow and Richard Pierce. Chairman Pierce announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted at the back of the Board Room.

Posting and publishing gave notice of the meeting in advance, thereof. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Supervisors; and availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. Said agenda was also furnished to all area news media. A copy of the acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda by the Board of Supervisors is attached to these minutes. County Clerk Janice Giffin took all proceedings hereinafter shown while said meeting was open to the public. County Attorney Shawn Eatherton was present.

Chairman Pierce called for Citizen's forum and no one was present at this time to address the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Pierce inquired if there was anything which needed to be removed from the Consent agenda. There was nothing to be removed therefore; Chairman Pierce declared the General County Business listed below approved without further hearing.

GENERAL COUNTY BUSINESS

1. Approve March 10, 2009 minutes
2. Accept Community Action R.Y.D.E. Report for February 2009

REGULAR AGENDA

Chairman Pierce reviewed the following correspondence with the Board. The Beckenhauer Construction quarterly newsletter and the Nebraska Association of County Officials Legislative Report were received. Also noted was correspondence from Projuris, Sapp Brothers and Sauder Furniture. The Department of Environmental Quality sent a copy of the Construction and Operating Permit for Platte Valley Feeders. Chairman Pierce then called on each Board member for committee reports and recommendations.

Chairman Pierce opened discussion with the Elected Officials regarding the County Budget. In addition to the Board members present, the following Elected Officials were present: County Assessor Joe Woodward, County Attorney Shawn Eatherton, Clerk of the District Court Sharon Mauler, County Clerk Janice Giffin, Public Defender Jeff Wirth, Register of Deeds Kellie John, County Sheriff Neil Miller and County Surveyor Trenton Snow.

Chairman Pierce opened discussion at 10:35 A.M. with the Appointed Officials and Department Heads regarding the County Budget. In addition to the Board members present, the following Appointed Officials and Department Heads were present: Board Administrator Lynn Rauner, Building and Grounds Manager Ross Karabel, Election Commissioner Glenda DeBrie, Emergency Manager Darrin Lewis, Extension Educator Brian Bosshamer, Highway Superintendent Ron Sklenar, IT Manager Tobin Houlden, Veterans Service Officer William Williams, Weed Superintendent Dick Kincaid and Zoning Administrator LeAnn Klein.

This year's budget and next year's budget concerns were discussed in both sessions. Officials were asked to work together to find solutions for the overall County budget. In previous years the County has been receiving about five to six percent increases in total valuations. County Assessor Joe Woodward has provided estimated valuations that show a slight decrease in valuation totals for the next budget year and those totals won't be certified until August 2009.

At 11:57 A.M. Chairman Pierce asked if there was anything else to come before the Board before he declared the meeting adjourned until the meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 9:00 A.M Chairman Pierce instructed County Clerk Janice Giffin to publish notice for the same according to Nebraska law.